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SUBJECT: SCHMIDT'S OFFER TO HELP ON TURKISH EMBARGO

1. WHEN I MET WITH VAN WELL ON ANOTHER SUBJECT ON MAY 22 HE EXPRESSED THE FRG'S DEEP CONCERN OVER THE SFRC VOTE ON THE TURKISH EMBARGO AND SAID SCHMIDT WAS PREPARED TO TALK TO HIS FRIENDS AND PERSONAL CONTACTS IN THE SENATE IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST THE ADMINISTRATION. VAN WELL SAID THE CHANCELLOR DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN THE US LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE SHARED THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW THAT THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WAS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND HE WANTED TO HELP. IF THE PRESIDENT THOUGHT IT USEFUL, HE WOULD TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY DURING HIS FORTHCOMING US VISIT (MAY 25-31) TO IMPRESS THIS VIEW UPON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

2. I TOLD VAN WELL I WOULD PASS ON THIS OFFER AND BE BACK IN TOUCH.

3. COMMENT: SCHMIDT SHARES OUR CONVICTION ON THE NECESSITY OF ENDING THE EMBARGO. HE WOULD BE A FORCEFUL, ARTICULATE ADVOCATE WHO WOULD REINFORCE THE ADMINISTRATION'S ARGUMENT THAT THE EMBARGO HAS A

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DEBILITATING EFFECT ON NATO'S SOUTHERN FLANK. WHILE WE SEE SOME MERIT IN PURSUING SCHMIDT'S OFFER, WE, OF COURSE, DEFER TO THE DEPARTMENT'S JUDGMENT AS TO HOW IT WOULD FIT INTO THE ADMINISTRATION'S OVERALL LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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